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303.01.08 CONTENTS OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX

Some or all of the contents of a safety deposit box may be countable as resources.

Procedure

Determine if the applicant/recipient has a safety deposit box.

To verify the contents of a safety deposit box, obtain a signed statement from the applicant/recipient, spouse or authorized representative listing the contents of the box.

If the client reports potentially countable resources, apply appropriate policy based on the type of resource reported (stock certificates, coins, jewelry, life insurance policies, etc.) to verify and value the resource.

If the client reports possessions stored in another person's' safety deposit box, determine whether the client has access to the safe deposit box by obtaining a statement from the owner of whether or not the client is allowed access to the belongings stored in the safety deposit box. If so, handle as discussed above.

303.01.09 NON-HOME REAL PROPERTY

This is land and any permanent buildings/immovable objects attached to it that are not considered a principal place of residence.

Treatment

- Generally, this type of property is a countable resource.
- An exclusion may be developed if there is a bona fide effort to sell.
- Refer to procedures in following sections to verify ownership and valuation of the property: Section 301.07.07, Evidence of Real Property Ownership, and Section 301.07.08, Verifying Current Market Value.
- Determine equity value (CMV payoff on any legal debt = EV). If jointly-owned, count the individual's share.

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